



# **Public Hearing - SWIP Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project**

4/28/2022

# RWQCB/DDW Introduction



# Public Hearing/Workshop on the City's Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project (Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project)

- Compliance with Title 22 CA Code of Regulations 60320.202
- Project Webpage for More Information:  
<https://www.santamonica.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure-project-swip>
- Purpose of Public Hearing: to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the City's Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project (Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project) to use advanced treated recycled water to augment the City's groundwater supply at the Olympic Well Field.



## Public Comments and Hearing

- Public Hearing Date and Location:
  - Date: April 28, 2022
  - Time: 5:30PM PST
  - Register in advance for this meeting:

[Click Here to Register](#)



## Public Comments and Hearing

- How to make comments:
  - Via e-mail: [water.resources@santamonica.gov](mailto:water.resources@santamonica.gov)
  - Public comments would also be received during the Public Hearing
  - Deadline for Public Comments:  
630pm PST April 28, 2022



# City of Santa Monica – Water Resources Division



**93,000+** residents  
**2,700+** commercial  
customers



Drinking water and  
fire protection



groundwater (local)  
surface water (MWD)



Sewer collection and  
recycled water

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**9 million gallons**  
of high-quality drinking  
water daily

**14 million gallons**  
of wastewater captured  
and delivered for treatment  
each day

**77,000 gallons**  
per day of recycled  
water

**4 water storage  
reservoirs**

totaling 40 million gallons



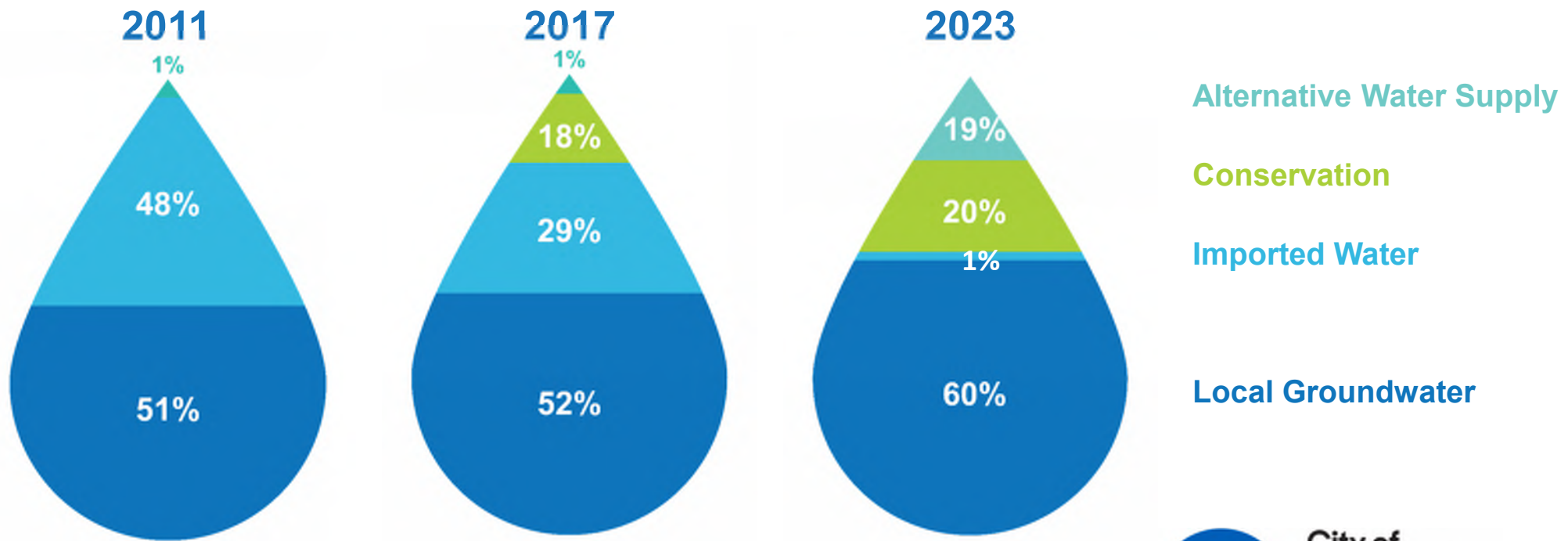


# Goals of the City's Sustainable Water Master Plan

- Long term cost benefits for rate payers
- Diverse, sustainable, & drought resilient water supply to support a sustainable community
- Reduction of energy footprint to support carbon reduction goals for the City

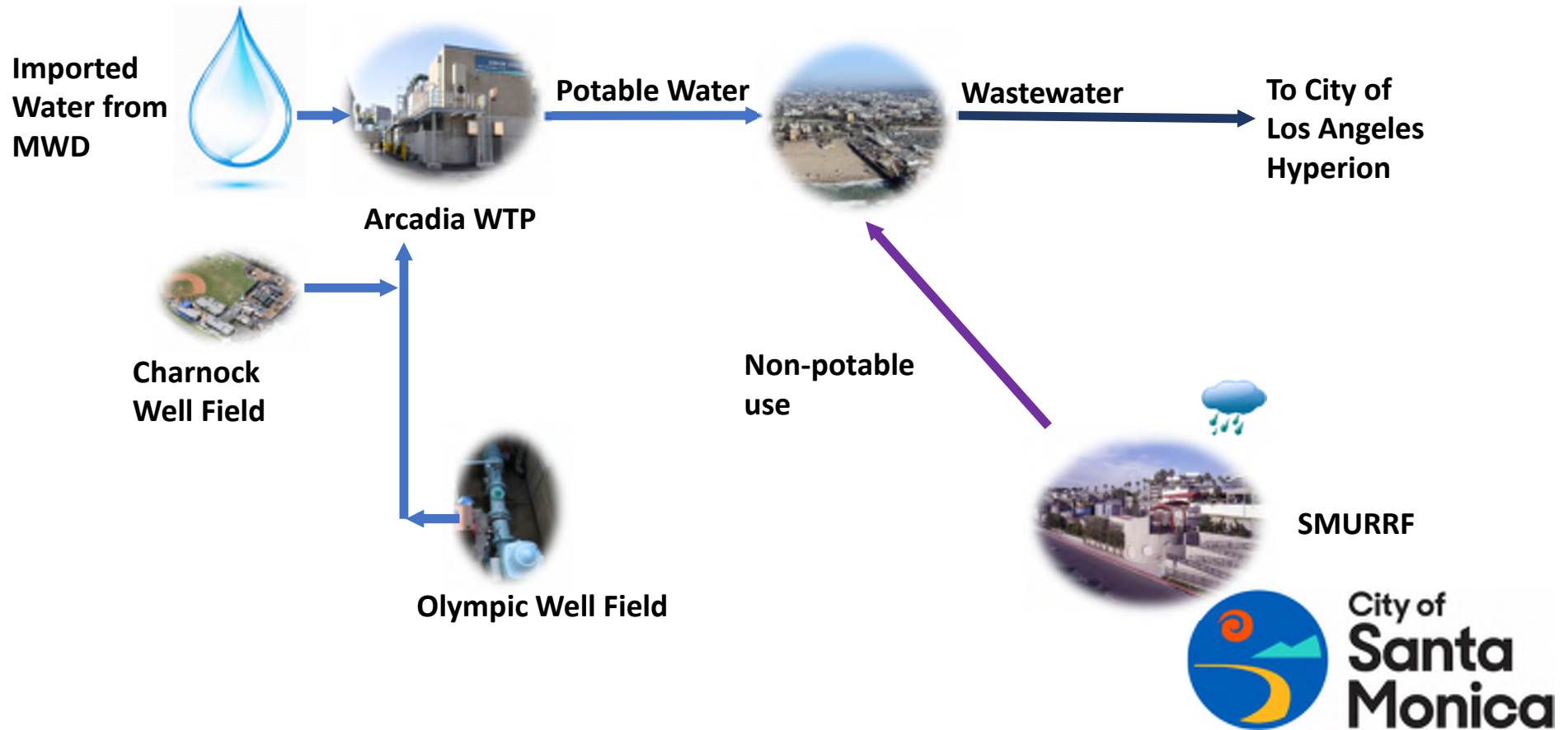


# Leveraging Alternative Water Supplies for a Sustainable Future

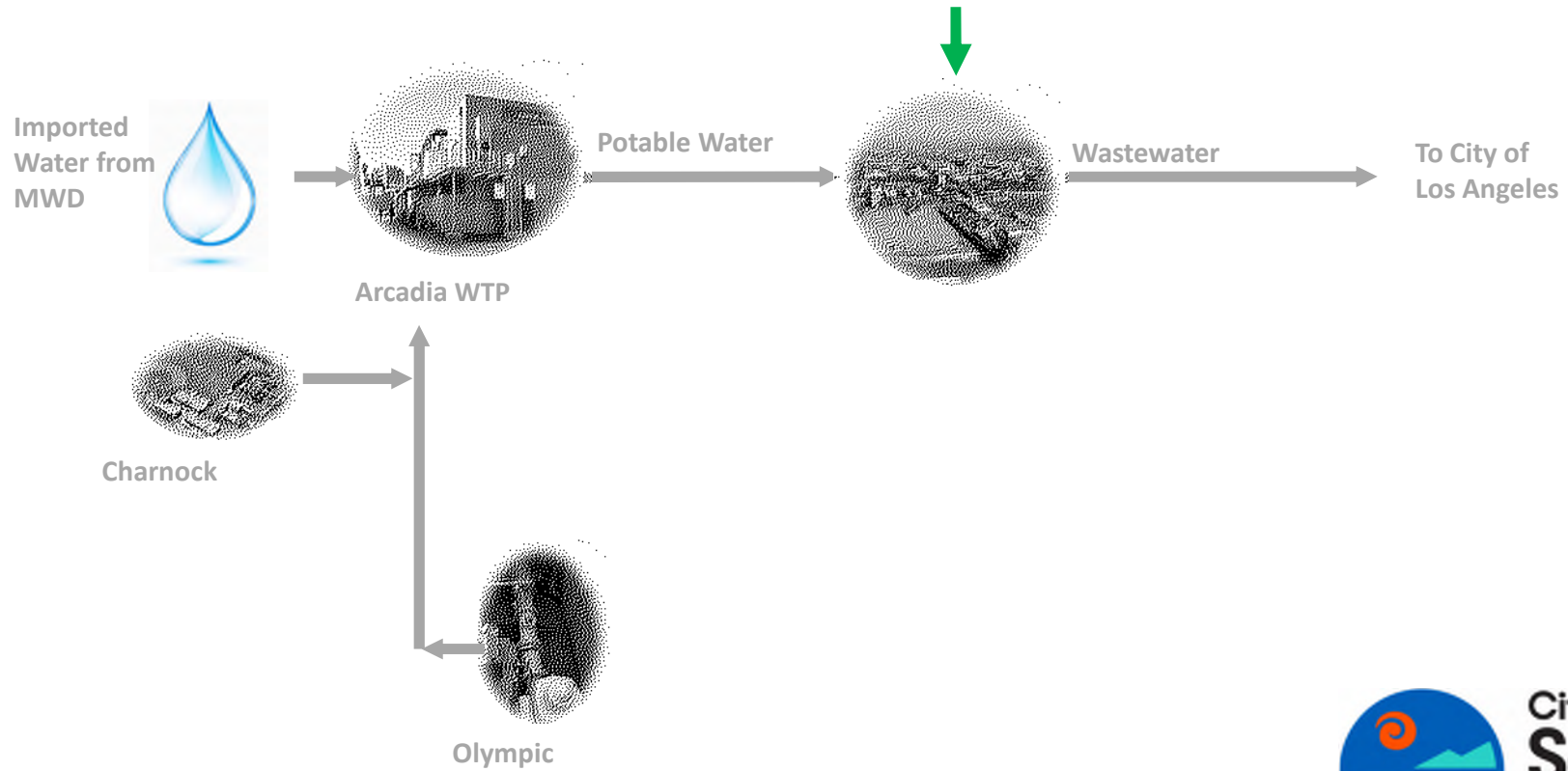




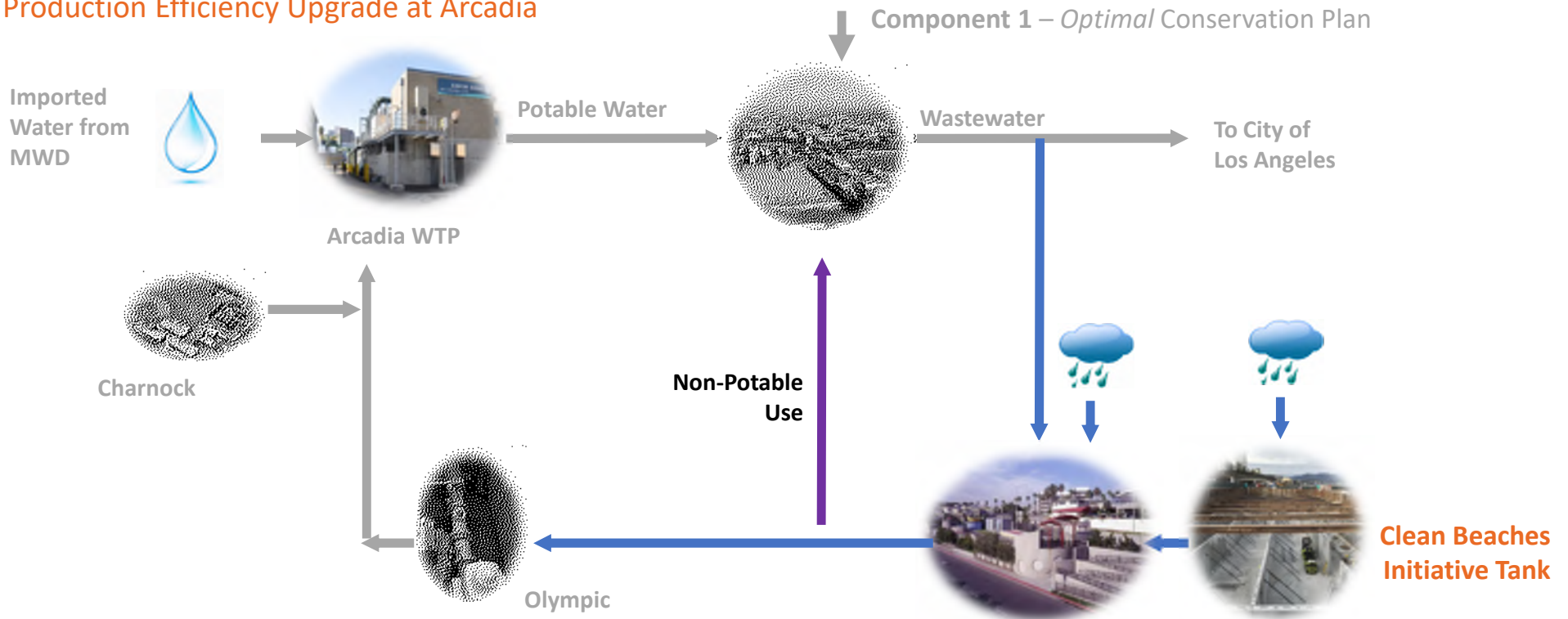
# Integrated Approach to Maximize Local Water Resources



## Component 1 – *Optimal* Conservation Plan



## Component 2 – Alternative Water Supply Production Efficiency Upgrade at Arcadia

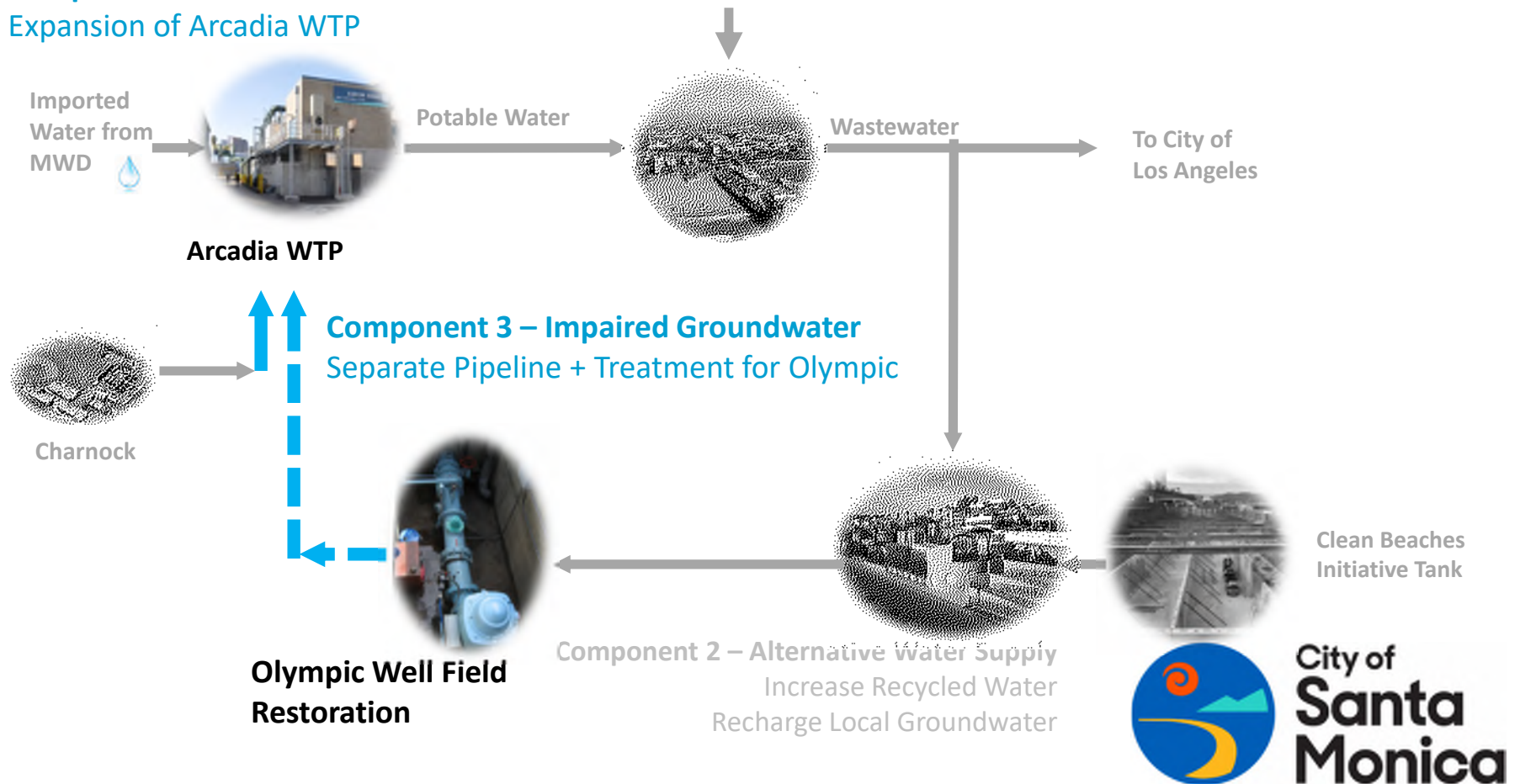


- Component 2 – Alternative Water Supply**
- Stormwater + Urban Runoff @ **SMURRF** for Non-Potable and Potable Reuse
  - Stormwater Capture + Municipal WW @**SWIP** for Potable Reuse

**Component 2 – Alternative Water Supply**  
Production Efficiency Upgrade at Arcadia

**Component 3 – New Local Groundwater**  
Expansion of Arcadia WTP

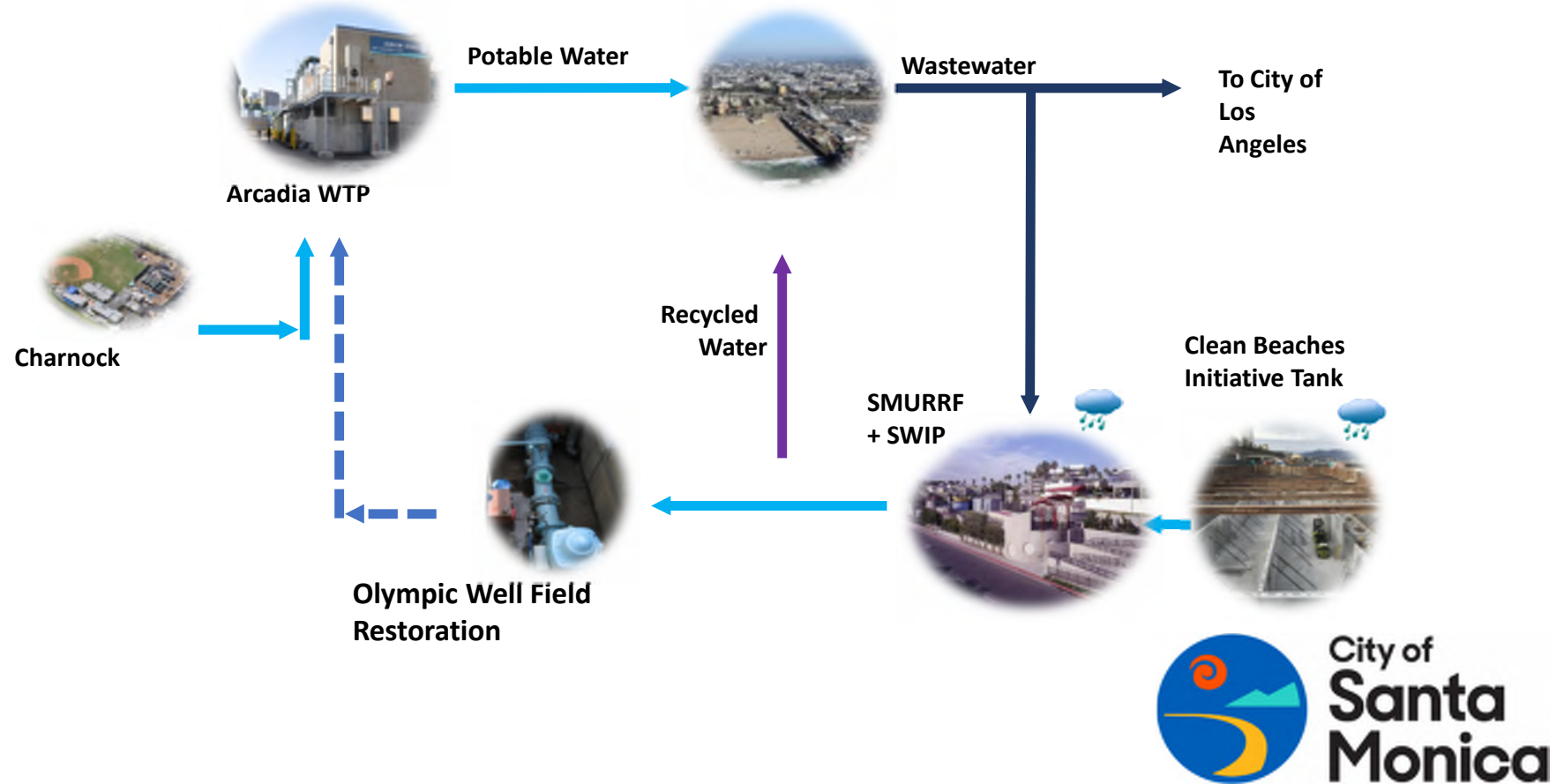
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**Component 1 – Conservation**

**Component 2 – Alternative Water Supply**

**Component 3 – New Local Groundwater**







## **Component 2 – Alternative Water Supply Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP)**

# Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP)



- Phase 1 – Stormwater Characterization and Use
- Phase 2 – Non-Potable Use
- **Phase 3 – Potable Reuse (Title 22 Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project)**





# Title 22 Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project

- California Code of Regulations Title 22, Article 5.2. Indirect Potable Reuse: Groundwater Replenishment – Subsurface Application
- The SWIP will produce two types of water for this application:
  - Advanced treated recycled water
  - Diluent water



# Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project Overview



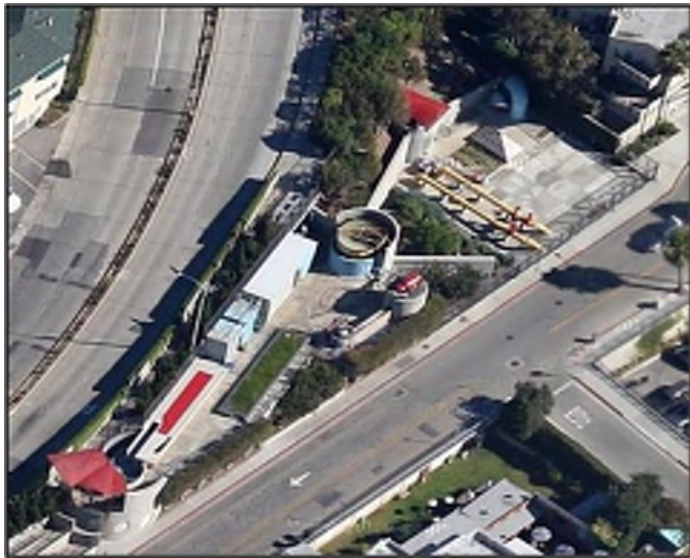
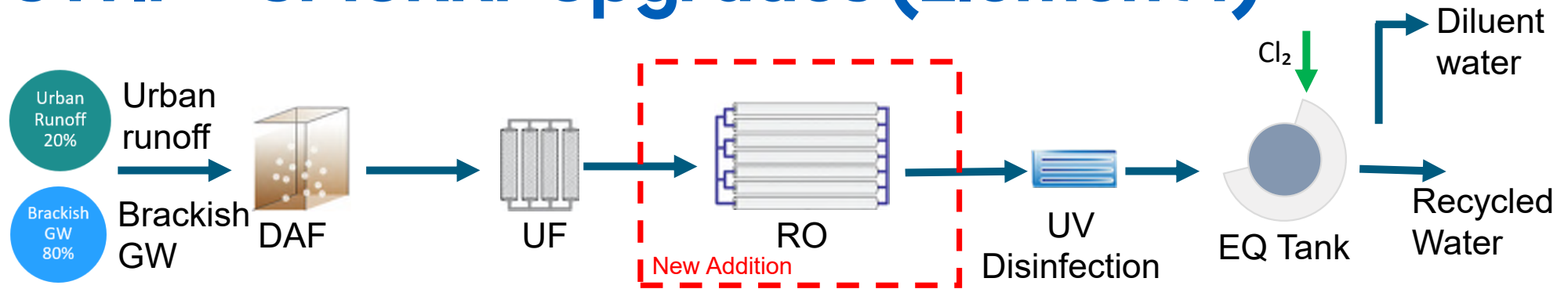
- Element 1
  - 1.5 million gallon Clean Beaches Tank
  - Upgrades to SMURRF
- Element 2
  - New 1 million gallon per day advanced water treatment facility
  - 30/70 Blend of Stormwater and Wastewater
- Element 3
  - New 1.5 MG Stormwater tank

# SWIP's Multiple Benefits

- Improves beach water quality
- Provides Enhanced Water Management Plan (EWMP) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit compliance
- Drought resilient water supply
- Diversifies City's water supply portfolio
- Increases recycled water production
- Augments local groundwater supply
- Creates ~1,600 acre-feet per year (AFY) of local water supply



# SWIP – SMURRF Upgrades (Element 1)



- Provides pollution control for Santa Monica Bay
- **Upgrade SMURRF to meet diluent water requirements under Title 22 GRRP requirements**
- RO added to further enhance water quality
- Produces up to 500 AFY of diluent water



# SWIP Advanced Water Treatment Facility (Element 2)



MBR Tank



UV AOP System



RO System

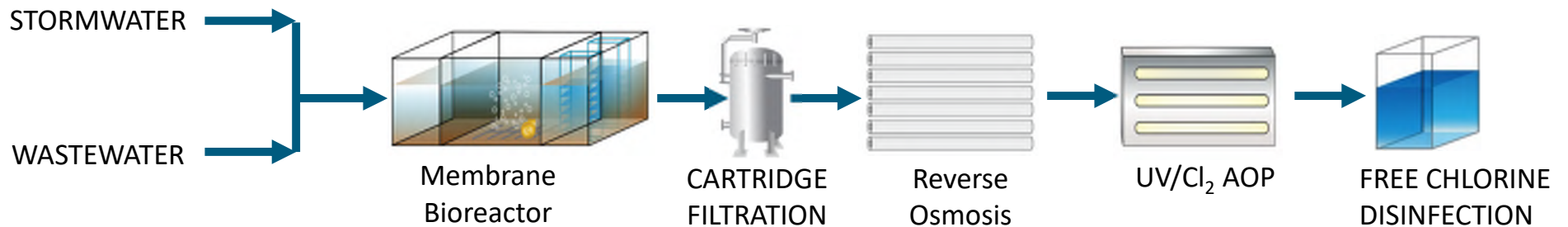


# Stormwater Harvesting Tank (Element 3)

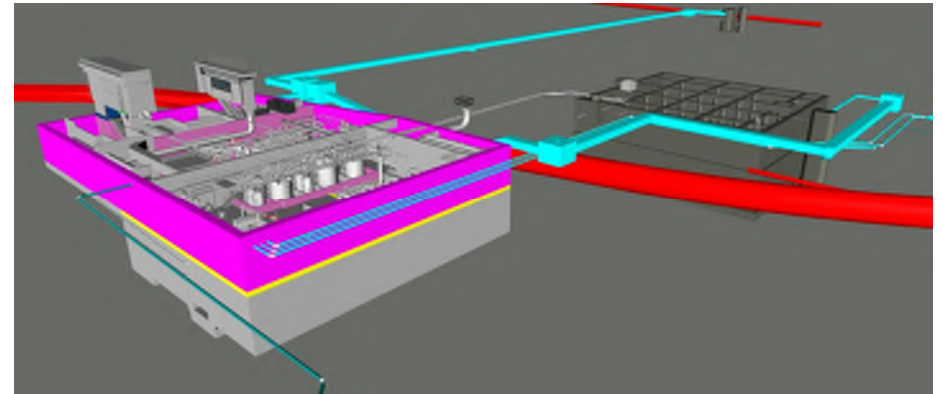




# SWIP Element 2 – Advanced Water Treatment Facility

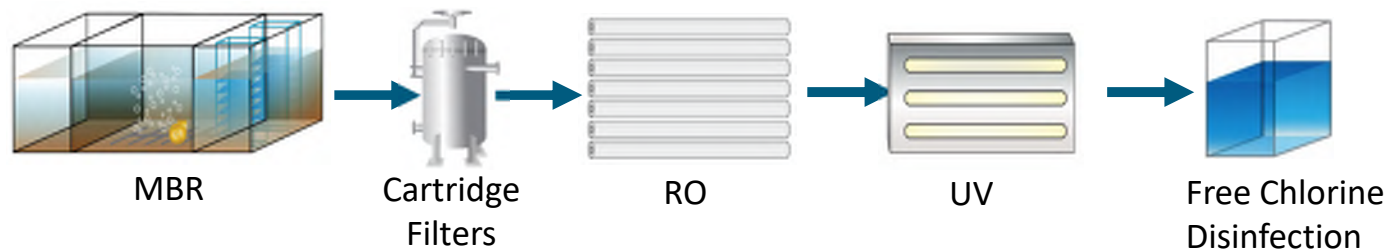


- Source Water - Wastewater with up to 30% stormwater contribution when available
- **Ability to meet 12-10-10 log removal for a GRRP within the SWIP AWTF**
- Produces 1,100 AFY of purified water for non-potable and potable reuse
- Meets all requirements under California Code of Regulations Title 22 Section 60320.201 Advanced Treatment Criteria





# Log Reduction Value Compliance for Advanced Treated Recycled Water



Process	Virus	Cryptosporidium	Giardia
MBR	1.0	2.5	2.5
Cartridge Filters	-	2.0	2.5
RO	1.5	1.5	1.5
UV-AOP	6.0	6.0	6.0
Chlorine	4.0	-	-
<b>Total Provided</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Required</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

# Proven Approach and Water Quality

- The SWIP will meet or exceed all Federal and State regulations (e.g., primary, secondary MCLs, and notification levels) for drinking water to ensure it is safe for groundwater recharge
- The City worked with State regulators to establish a robust and reliable treatment system
- California has several decades of experience with Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Projects
  - Orange County Water District
  - West Basin Municipal Water District
  - Water Replenishment District of Southern California



# Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Examples



Orange County Water District  
Water Factory 21  
Groundwater Replenishment System



Water Replenishment District of  
Southern California  
Leo J. Vander Lans Advanced Water  
Treatment Facility



West Basin MWD  
Edward C. Little  
Water Recycling Facility

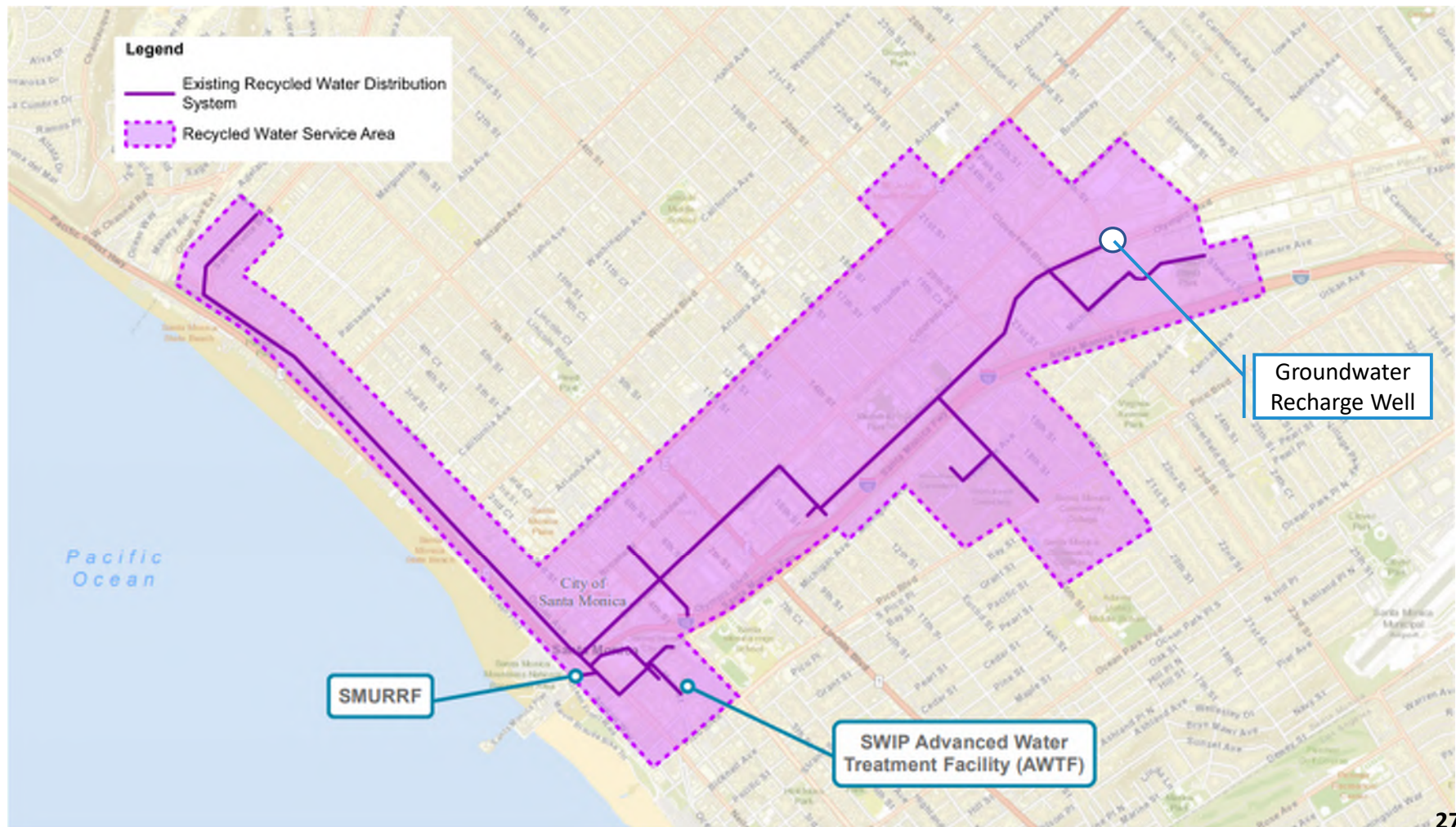




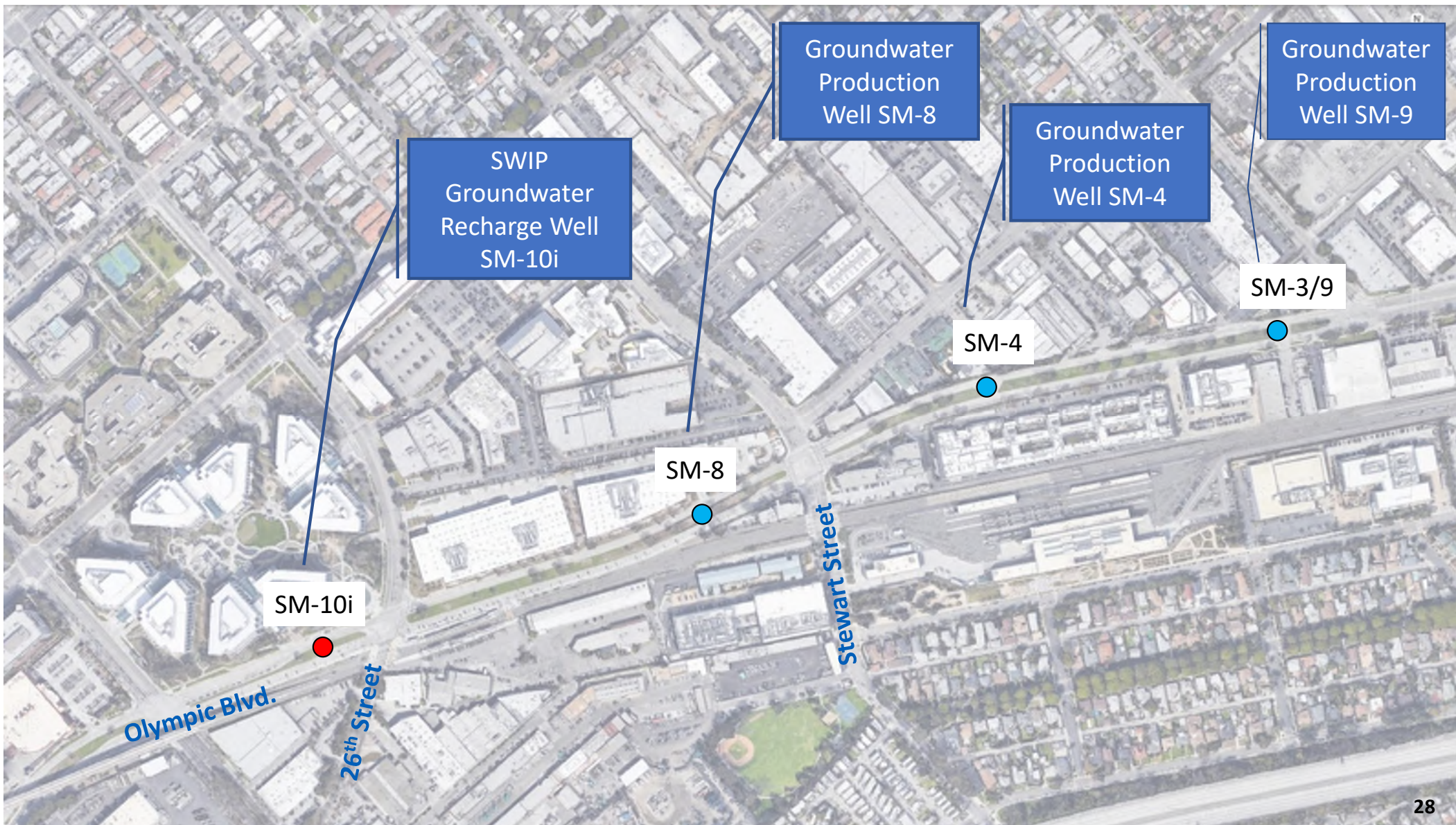
**Groundwater  
Replenishment**



# Recycled Water Distribution















**Groundwater Modeling Results**

# Groundwater Modeling Requirements

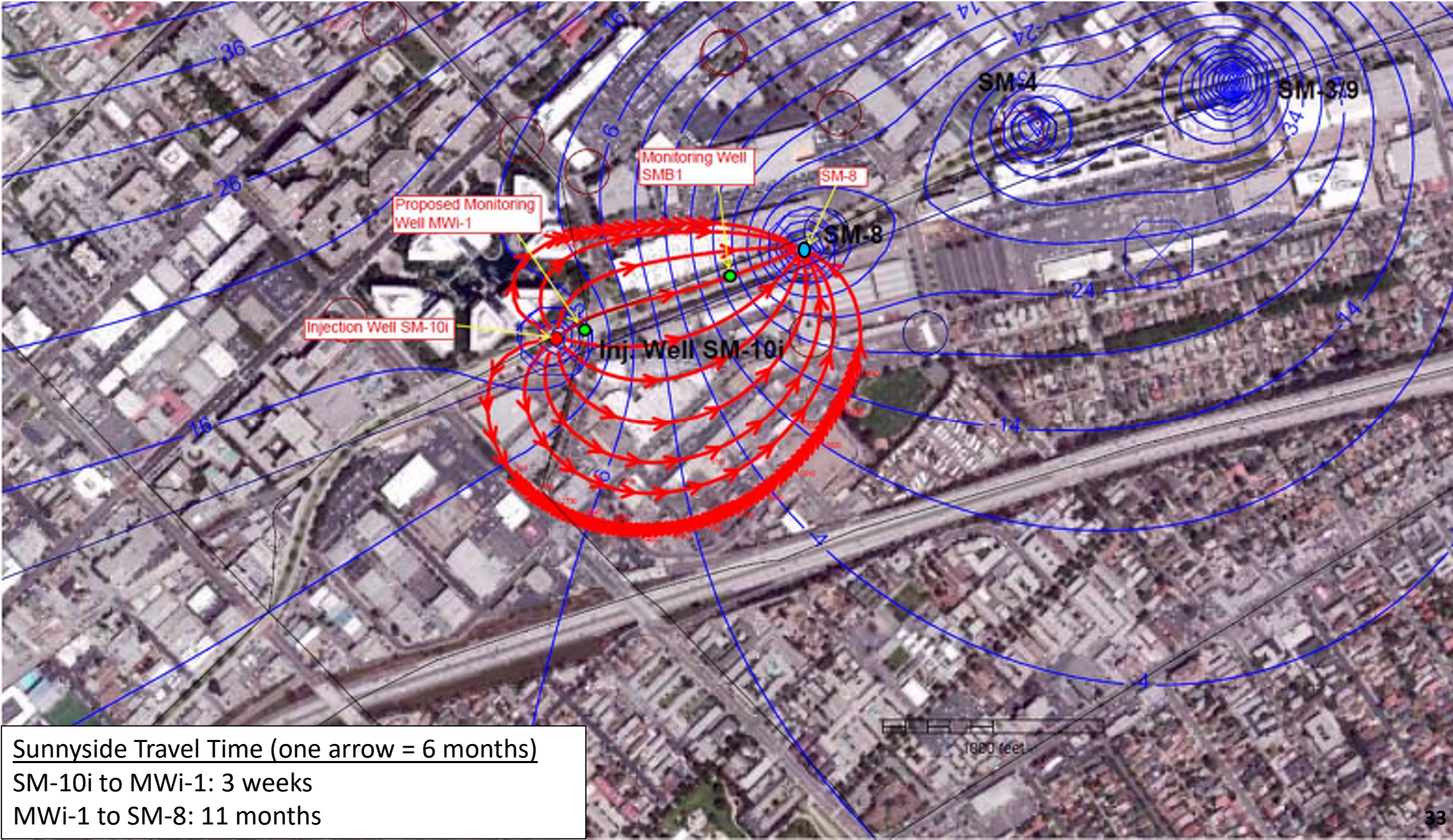
1. Support permitting for recycled water operations
2. Estimate travel time between groundwater recharge well and groundwater production well to ensure sufficient response retention time (>2 months) is provided between injection well and production well (Title 22 Section 60320.224).
3. Establish monitoring well network to monitor groundwater recharge operations (Title 22 Section 60320.226)











Sunnyside Travel Time (one arrow = 6 months)  
SM-10i to MWi-1: 3 weeks  
MWi-1 to SM-8: 11 months





California Code of Regulations, Title 22 §60320.226 Monitoring Well Requirements

- (1) At least one monitoring well is located:
  - (A) no less than two weeks but no more than six months of travel time from the GRRP, and
  - (B) at least 30 days upgradient of the nearest drinking water well
- (2) In addition to the well(s) in paragraph (1) and after consultation with the Department, at least one monitoring well is located between the GRRP and the nearest downgradient drinking water well;
- (3) Samples from the monitoring wells in paragraphs (1) and (2) can be;
  - (A) Obtained independently from each aquifer initially receiving the water used as a source of drinking water supply that will receive the GRRP’s recharge water, and
  - (B) Validated as receiving recharge water from the GRRP

	Sunnyside	D-Zone	Regulatory Requirement
SM-10i to MWi-1	3 weeks	2 months	>2 weeks and <6 months
MWi-1 to SM-8	11 months	30 months	>30 days from drinking water well
SM-10i to SM-8	12 months	38 months	>2 months

# Antidegradation Analysis

1. Support permitting for recycled water operations
2. Assess impact, if any, on the Santa Monica Groundwater Basin by using advanced treated recycled water for groundwater recharge
3. Determine if groundwater recharge operations would be protective of beneficial uses (e.g., use of the local groundwater as a drinking water supply)
4. Would any potential incremental degradation be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State



# Santa Monica Groundwater Basin – Water Quality Objectives

Parameter	Units	Basin Objective	SWIP AWTF Water Quality	SMURRF Water Quality	Blended Injection Water Quality <sup>1</sup>
Boron	mg/L	0.5	0.3	0.12	0.24
Chloride	mg/L	200	28	132	63
Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/L	45	3.9	0.6	2.8
Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> )	mg/L	1	0.9	0.14	<0.1
Nitrate + Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	10	<0.1	<0.04	0.6
Sulfate	mg/L	250	3.2	7.4	4.6
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	1000	120	310	184

1. Blended Injection Water Quality consists of 67% advanced treated recycled water from the SWIP AWTF and 33% diluent water from SMURRF



# Anti-Deg Analysis – Assimilative Capacity

Parameter	Better than Groundwater	Compliance w/WQ Objective	Less than +10% Assimilative Capacity by Concentration	% Assimilative Capacity Used in 10 years	Less than 10% Assimilative Capacity by Mass in 10 years
Boron	No	Yes	No	-5.30%	Yes
Chloride	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.40%	Yes
Nitrate (as NO3)	No	Yes	Yes	-0.75%	Yes
Nitrate + Nitrate (as N)	No	Yes	Yes	-0.16%	Yes
Sulfate	Yes	Yes	Yes	21%	Yes
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	16%	Yes

# Antidegradation Study Findings

- The project is consistent with the State of California's Antidegradation Policy
- Advanced treated recycled water from SWIP meets the groundwater basin's water quality objectives
- Implementation of the groundwater recharge project is in line with the beneficial uses of the Santa Monica Groundwater Basin and for the maximum benefit of the people (e.g., drinking water)



# Summary

- The SWIP uses a proven approach to provide the City with a drought resilient water supply and creates ~1,600 AFY of local water supply for the City
- The SWIP will comply with State of California regulations for a Title 22 Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project
- Advanced treated recycled water and diluent water from the SWIP meets all federal and state drinking water quality requirements to recharge local groundwater aquifers



# Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project Partners





# Public Hearing

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